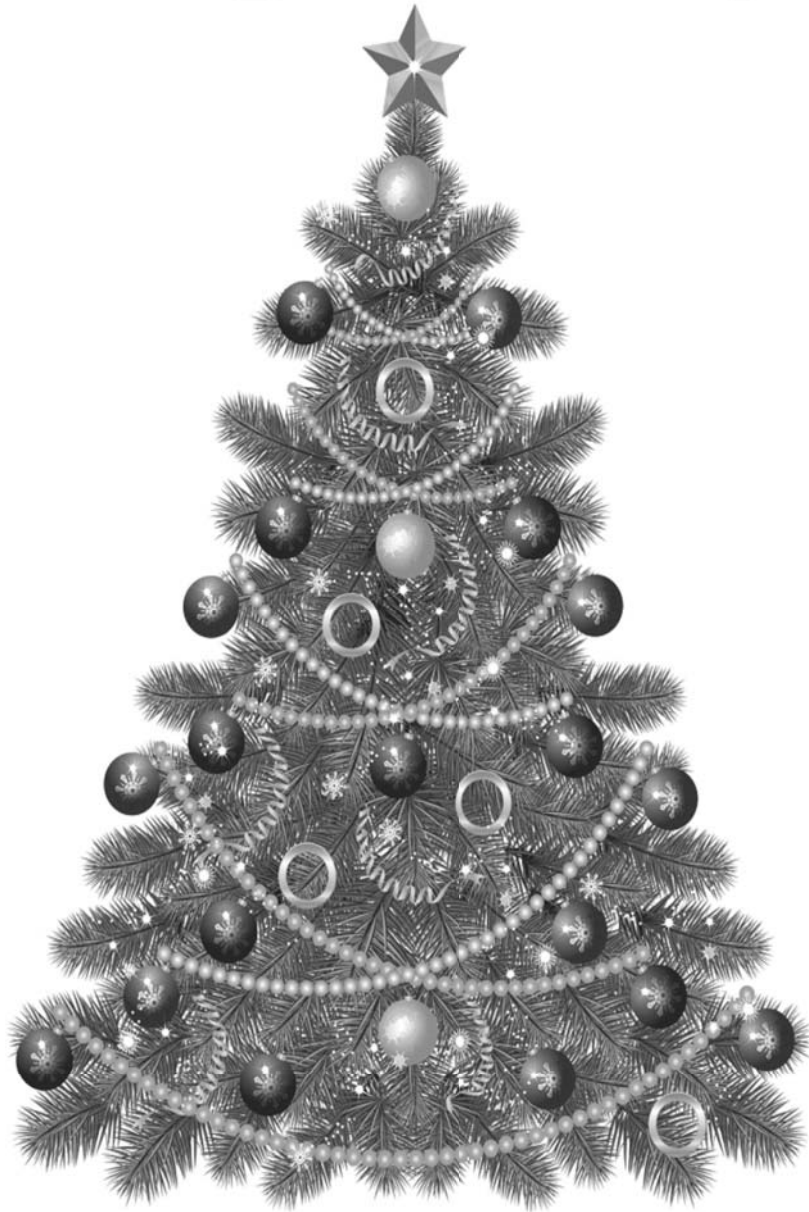


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Felsham & Gedding

Village News



Merry Christmas

from the Village News team

Dates For Your Diary

3rd December – Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Festival, Village Hall and St Peter's church

9th December - Winters Tail III, Village Hall 7.30pm

10th December – Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's Gedding, 4.30pm

14th December – Friends Christmas Dinner, Village Hall 12noon

20th December – Carol Service, St Peter's Felsham 7pm

6th January – Twelfth Night, Village Hall. Doors open 7pm

26th/27th January – Pantomime, Village Hall (see poster p33 for times)

WHAT'S ON IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Yoga: Classes every Monday evening 6.00pm

W.I.: Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm

Carpet Bowls: Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

Table Tennis: Meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 7.30pm

Whist Drive: Meets on the third Friday of each month at 7.30pm

Film Night: Shows 3rd Saturday of each month. Doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm

COMPLAINTS

SUGGESTIONS

COMPLIMENTS

The Village News team would welcome your feedback
Do you have any comments about what we do, what's going well, anything you'd like us to change. Please feel free to contact us:

Email – mtavernor@btinternet.com Phone – Jo Tavernor 01449 737793

Reminder to contributors: Please be aware that items submitted after the **Deadline** cannot be guaranteed to appear in the magazine.

Editors Letter

Welcome to Decembers issue of the magazine.

This month I thought I'd be organised and I was, I checked the post-box at regular intervals from well before the copy date. Prepared each piece for publication and saved it in a file called December 17. IT DID ME NO GOOD AT ALL.

When I tried to access my computer, on the 23rd to, as I thought, just cut and paste everything into the magazine, I was confronted by a pretty blue screen with none of my shortcuts just a message - *you cannot access your account, your files may still be safe*. Well what does that mean?

It turns out that it means that your computer has gone caput and you have to go out and buy a new one and then wait for No.1 son to, hopefully, rescue files from the ether (which he did). So here we are a bit later than I'd hoped but all present and correct. Thanks to Mark.

As usual there's plenty going on in the villages over the next couple of months and I do hope that I'll see you all at one event or another. Also there's advice on home brewing by Mark T. and, as he'll no doubt confirm, I am one of his taste testers. There are things to make and bake and lots to do in the woods.

So I hope you enjoy the magazine and I'll wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tricia

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MARGARET ANN DEARDS

I am writing to thank all the villagers of Felsham and Gedding for all the love and support both I and my family have received after the death of my dear Margaret.

Your support is really helping me at this time as I look back on a wonderful fifty five years and forward to the years to come.

THANK YOU

Brian Jackie and Rob.



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2017 POPPY APPEAL

Dear Editor

On behalf of Felsham & Gedding Royal British Legion, may I thank the good people of Felsham & Gedding who gave, most generously, to our recent Poppy Appeal.

Thanks to their kindness, they have helped the local Poppy Appeal to achieve another record breaking amount of **£2009.97p**.

This is an outstanding effort, for which I am most grateful to everybody who contributed, especially my small team of collectors.

The amount has been forwarded to the Poppy Appeal and will be put to use in helping current and ex serving Members of H.M. Armed Forces and their dependants.

Once again, thank you very much; your generosity is incredible and very much appreciated.

Cyril Norman
Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser,
Felsham & Gedding Royal British Legion



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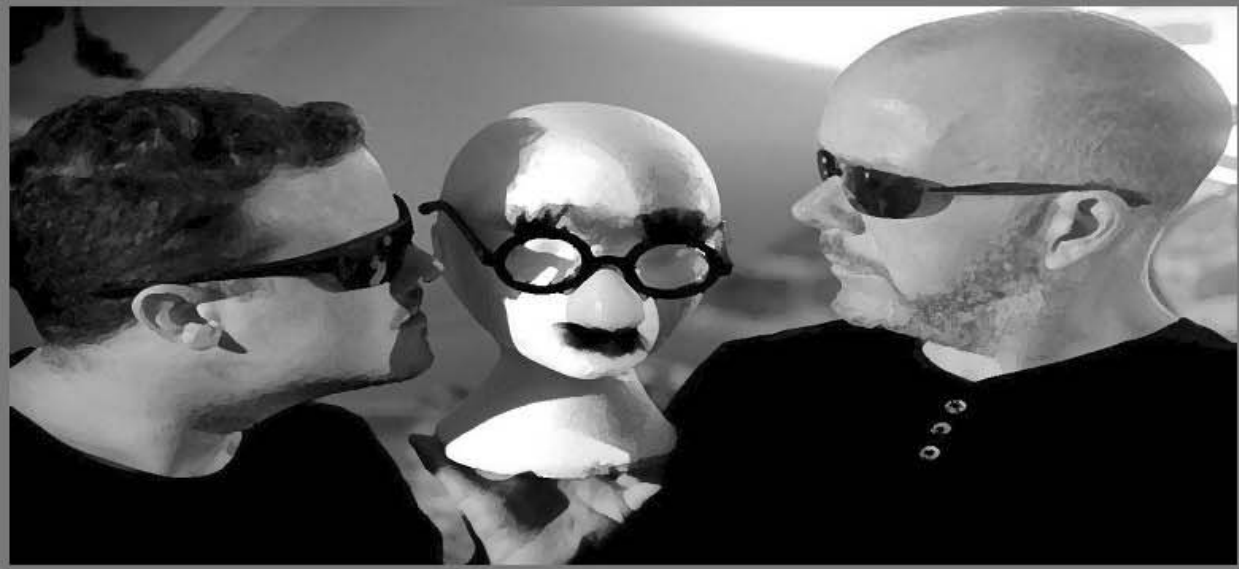
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Constitutional Club, Guildhall St, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 7th December @ 7:30pm

St Mary's Church, Hill Rd, Westley IP33 3TL

Friday 8th December @ 7:30pm

Tithe Barn, Up Street, Bardwell IP31 1AA

Saturday 9th December @ 7:30pm

Felsham Village Hall, Yewlands, Felsham IP30 0PN

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Don't forget to visit the
Christmas Tree Festival
(Hunt out those hidden reindeer)
Children can join in "Messy Church"
amongst the Christmas trees
in
St Peter's Church!

We hope you have a great day!
Thank you for visiting our Christmas Market and
we wish you a very happy Christmas.



*A very special THANK YOU to
Phill & Jan Truin and all who have helped so very hard to make this
a successful event. Thank you too to all the stallholders who have so
generously donated a prize for the raffle.*

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

At this year's Christmas fair on Sunday 3rd December come along and enjoy the first day of this magical festive feast in the beautiful surroundings of St Peter's Church, Felsham. The scent of Christmas trees decorated with sparkling lights, baubles and bows will put you in the festive mood and this wonderful Christmas Tree Festival will add extra fizz to this perfect time of year.

A magical experience to be shared by everyone!

The Christmas Tree Festival is an open invitation for families, voluntary organisations and commercial enterprises to exhibit a tree, decorated with a theme of your choosing. Each tree will be clearly labelled with the name of the family, organisation or business and the theme of the tree. Help us once again to make this event a magical, colourful, imaginative and original display of trees of all shapes and sizes that will captivate the hearts and imagination of adults and children alike.

This festival provides an excellent opportunity for the whole village to participate, find out more about what's happening in the local community and the great variety of organisations, businesses, societies and interest groups that Felsham has to offer. It is also a chance to show support for our parish church and visit this historic and much loved landmark.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Jo,

I was surprised to see that although two pages of the November issue of VN were entirely taken up by information about crime in Suffolk, there was no mention at all (nor was there in October) of two incidents that have taken place in the village recently, one of which I know to have been criminal.

Early in September I reported the anti-Islamic graffito which was stencilled onto the 30 mph road sign nearest to the Old Rectory. Eventually Stowmarket police acknowledged that this was a hate crime ("racially motivated criminal damage" they called it, though I would have said "religiously"). I did contact the clerk to the Parish Council about this and informed her that PC 421 ANELLY MILES is no longer assigned to the Felsham area but heard nothing back. I note, however that this information mustn't have got through to VN as her details still appear on the back page of the current issue.

I found the graffito offensive and thought (and still do think) that it would be a good thing to make other residents of Felsham aware of it. Eventually the graffito was painted over and now the road sign itself has gone as a result of the second incident.

On Saturday 21st October there was a serious accident just outside the village in which a young resident of Felsham was lucky to have escaped without severe injury though the car he was driving ended up on its roof. This accident involved another car which appears not to have stopped at the scene. Why hasn't this been reported in the VN? I would have thought it to have more relevance to residents than page 26 does.

Yours sincerely

David Hopkins

Dear David

Thank you for your feedback regarding the police report in the November issue of the Village News and also shedding light on the demolished sign on Brettenham Road which has piqued my interest over the past few weeks.

The Village News is entirely reliant on items being submitted by residents of the community and also various fairly standardised reports that are issued to the public at large (such as the Police Connect messages). We do not have a journalist who actively seeks out and collects items of potential interest, so all we can do is attempt to tailor the standard reports to include only the most relevant items and include as much local news that has been submitted to the villagenews@felsham.org.uk mailbox.

Both of the incidents you are aware of, are indeed very newsworthy, and if you had sent in that information to the mailbox we would have been delighted to include them in the November issue.

Thank you also for letting us know about the departure of PC Anelly Miles. As you have surmised that information hadn't filtered through to the Village News team but now I know I shall update the back page for the next issue. Do you know who (if anyone) has taken over?

Yours sincerely

Jo Tavernor



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November 2017.

In November 2016, Members of Felsham & Gedding Royal British Legion gathered in the church of St. Peter's, Felsham and joined the congregation to take part in the Remembrance Day Service, as the Branch has done since its formation back in 1946.

Members were astonished to discover that two of the pews, previously creating access difficulties when laying the wreath, had been completely removed, opening up the area of the church housing the Branch Standards and the Memorial plaques.

Members were also pleased to have WO2 Paul Kearney, 1st Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment in the congregation. Paul was asked if he would like to read the names of the fallen and recite the Legion exhortation at the 2017 service, which he agreed to do.

Following the 2016 service, Members were asked if they would like to do something to smarten up the area.

This was discussed at a number of Branch meetings and, numerous thoughts discarded, knowing that any wall fixtures within the church would prove difficult to gain the necessary permission.

Following a number of thought processes and costings, we were finally able to put our proposals to the Parochial Council in late summer of 2017 which, thankfully, they were agreed to, pending some minor adjustments.

Work began in earnest, as the ambition was to have everything in place for November 2017.

Michael Kinsey set out to research all the names of those mentioned on the Memorials, binding them into a legible folder.

Karen Fynn began (and probably wished she hadn't started) to make the church kneeler and spent hours of work doing so.

Tina Smith and I began searching for suitable carpet colours and textures to create the Legion carpet, which was expertly bound by Tracey Hempstead, a local volunteer.

Eventually, a couple of weeks before the service, everything came together and was placed into the appropriate area.

We now have a Legion coloured carpet, leading to a donated drop leaf table in memory of Ron Norman, supporting the book of Remembrance on an angled lectern, together with framed documents bearing the Laurence Binyon poem and meaning of the Standard, with the Legion Kneeler placed at the front.

Happily, to date, we have only heard complimentary comments and hope that this work will be appreciated by all who witness it.

This is a perfect example of how the community can work together in achieving a common goal.



I am pleased to say that, since 2016, Paul Kearney has transferred his Central Royal British Legion Membership to Felsham & Gedding Branch and was, therefore, fittingly able to carry out his Remembrance Day duties in the church at this years' Service. It really is a privilege to have a serving member of H.M. Armed Forces participating in this most important event in our calendar.

I would like, on behalf of the Branch, to thank the Parochial Council most kindly, for agreeing and allowing us to produce this display and trust that many will enjoy the scene over the years to come.

Norman Plumpton,
Branch Secretary,
Felsham & Gedding Royal British Legion.



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The programme for 2018 is packed with a wide variety of topics. As well as our regular monthly meetings we arrange various trips – last year some members went to Ousden House, and to The Old Vicarage garden at Wormingford. In 2018 we are hoping to take a trip on the River Stour following a very interesting talk this year. There is a monthly walking group and a craft group meets regularly to share tips and skills and to chat. We arrange two meals out a year - a lunch in February and evening meal in August. Members also have access to a wide range of talks and demonstrations and trips organised by Suffolk West Federation.

If you are interested in finding out more about the WI today please contact Alison Shaw on 01284 827034.

2018 Programme

January 9 – Make Up demonstration

February 13 – The Rubbish Diet – not slimming tips, but about reducing waste

March 13 –An Ecological Lifestyle

April 10 – Soft Power Education – a craft group based in Uganda achieving so much to help people

May 8 – Annual General Meeting with refreshments

June 12 – Painting on Glass – an opportunity to have a go

July 10 – Garden Meeting with refreshments

August 14 – Antarctica – Illustrated talk on the most remote wilderness

September 11 – Medical Detection Dogs – discover how dogs are helping improve detection of serious illnesses

October 9 - The Chateaux and Gardens of France – an illustrated talk

November 13 – Cookery demonstration

December 11 – A Turkish Shirley Valentine – come and meet someone who had an adventure which changed her life

Cockfield Benefice Services – December 2017

Sunday 3 rd December Advent Sunday	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
	11am Communion	Cockfield
	4.30pm Christingle	Felsham
Sunday 10 th December Second Sunday of Advent	8am Communion BCP	Bradfield St Clare
	9.30am Benefice Family Service	Felsham
	4.30pm Carols by Candlelight	Gedding
Sunday 17 th December Third Sunday of Advent	11am Carol Communion	Cockfield
	3.30pm Carol Service	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Carol Service	Bradfield St George
Monday 18 th December	7pm Carol Service	Lt Whelnetham
Tuesday 19 th December	7pm Carols on the Green	Gt Green, Cockfield
Wednesday 20 th December	7pm Carol Service	Felsham
Sunday 24 th December Christmas Eve	10am Morning Prayer	Bradfield St Clare
	3.30pm Crib Service	Cockfield
	9pm Communion	Felsham
	11pm Communion	Cockfield
Monday 25 th December Christmas Day	10am Family Communion	Bradfield St George
	10am Communion	Gedding
Sunday 31 st December Holy Innocents	10am Carol Communion	Bradfield St Clare

Daily Prayer				
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Cockfield	5pm Felsham	5pm Bradfield St Clare	5pm Gedding	5pm Bradfield St George

Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at www.cockfieldbenefice.com

There will be some Christmassy 'Messy' activities in Felsham Church during the Christmas Market on Sunday 3rd December, 12-4pm.



Dear Friends,

I can't believe that the season of Advent is upon us. Advent is 'the final countdown' to Christmas day, and many children (and I'm sure there are some adults too) who will have an Advent calendar to help them count the days.

The word 'Advent' simply means 'coming'. It's the season when Christians remember that God came to earth to be born as the Christ child, Jesus.

God also promised that Jesus will come again at the end of time to heal all the world's hurts and divisions. During Advent we remember this amazing promise, so it's a time of hope, of getting reading, of expectation.

Waiting is hard, and in this day and age we don't seem to have the capacity to wait as we may have done in the past. We are bombarded by advertising that promises us 'quick fixes', but many of us realise that in reality these never give us what we truly need. However, Christmas is worth waiting for – it's a special time, and at its heart is a gift of love from God to the world.

We also remember during Advent those who won't be celebrating. There are those who are sad, or are being challenged in their lives. There have been many times in history when God's people have longed for God to come and save them, and there are times in our own lives when we pray that God will come and help us too. Those times can feel like a long, dark night. During Advent we will be praying for all those who are going through these dark times.

Finally, Advent is a really important time to pray for peace and love to fill the world. I'm sure that we would all wish for that!

I hope that your Advent and Christmas is filled with love and laughter.

Yours in Christ,

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Sun	12 pm – 6pm



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BOOKS WANTED

Gilly Morgan is running the Bookstall at the Christmas Market this year and is appealing for Adults and Children's books in good condition that can be sold. Please if you have some you can give, take them to Gedding House or leave them with Beryl Meed opposite the Post Office or take them to the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd December. Thank you very much.

BRADFIELD WOODS December Events

Mondays throughout 2017 & 2018 - Wild Tots

Woodland play for families with under 5's

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10 -11.30am £4 per child, please book

Monday 18 December - Wild Tots Winter Woodland Party

Woodland party for families with under 5's

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Wednesday 20 December– Natural decorations

10.30am - 12.30pm £4 children, £2 adults, please book

Thursday 21 December - Young wardens for 10 –15 year olds

Practical conservation finishing with a fire

10.30am - 1pm £4, please book

Thursday 21 December - Solstice lantern walk

Make a lantern then follow the lantern lit trail around the wood and finish with hot chocolate by the fire

3.30pm – 5pm £4 children, £2 adults, please book

Wednesday 27 December - Woodland wellbeing Walk

After the excesses of Christmas, join us for a mindfulness walk in the woods

11am –12.30pm 15 years + Free, please book

LEARN HOW TO MAKE REAL BEER

Brewing your own beer is easy, enjoyable and can save you money.

Perhaps human civilisation was founded on beer. This may be a far-fetched claim perhaps, but apparently there's evidence to back it up. Around 16,000 years ago, our ancestors first started to cultivate grain. And, at the same point in our history, the first beers were starting to appear, probably made from that very grain. These beers were developed by the Sumerians, who lived in what is now southern Iraq.



Such beverages were crude compared to modern standards and, served in vast jugs; they were drunk through reed straws as the beer in the jug was still fermenting.

Around 10,000BC, the first written 'words' were appearing on clay tablets – among them a first recipe for a sort of bread that can also be made into a beer. Thus, one of the first recorded writings in human history was for homebrew. Note this last word!



Although the brewing process has become more sophisticated, the enjoyment derived from sharing a batch of homemade beer with friends remains reassuringly the same thousands of years later.

So why brew your own beer? For many homebrewers, it's the cost. I understand the average cost of a pub pint in the UK is between £3 and £4 depending where you live. Home brewed beer costs circa 50p a pint. A no-brainer in my view.

Homebrew is arguably better for you and lower in calories than any mass-produced beer. It doesn't contain any additives and you know exactly what's gone into it.

Also there is great satisfaction to be had from using home-grown or foraged ingredients. They are natural, local and sustainable. And from an environmental perspective, to reuse a barrel or bottle five or more times is far better for the planet than a new bottle for every beer, even if you only consider the carbon dioxide released through distribution. Its joy all round.

BREWING INGREDIENTS: BASICS

Hops

Hops are the flowers of the hop vine; you can find them in the Felsham and Gedding hedgerows from late August to early September. In the wild, the vine will climb trees, reaching 4m (13ft) or more. Commercially and on some allotments, hops are grown up long, sturdy poles and the whole vine is harvested.



Hops add bitterness to the wort and aroma to the final beer, which would otherwise be too sweet-tasting. Using hops originally caught on because they inhibit the growth of bacteria.

Yeast

Yeast is a micro-organism that is actually a fungus. It feeds on sugar, so when added to a sugar solution, as with making beer, it will multiply and do so until it has eaten all the available sugar, producing alcohol in the process. It will then die off, leaving sediment.



Malt

Malted grains are grains that have been allowed to germinate before the germination is halted with hot air. This turns the grain's starches into the sugars needed for the fermentation process. Felsham and Gedding are in an area well known for growing these grains and are only a few miles from a major producer of malt and home brew kits: Muntons of Stowmarket.



EQUIPMENT: THE ESSENTIALS

The one off costs of setting your homebrew up and running is where most of the costs come in. But with a bit of foraging, or adding to the Christmas list, it is possible to bring the cost down. The basic equipment you'll need is listed below: (my personal preference is underlined):

1. A plastic fermenter with tap or fermentation bucket that holds 50 pints (30l). Or forage a food-grade bucket from a local restaurant – they are often thrown away. It is worth permanently marking this with actual measurements. Costs circa £15
2. Bung and air-lock. Costs circa £3
3. A long-handled plastic spoon for stirring. Costs circa £1.50
4. A 40-pint (22l) pressure barrel ideally with an S-30 pressure valve £25-£35+ **or** strong beer bottles. You'll need 40 or so. (Once used beer or plastic PET bottles can be used). Cost circa £30
My preference is the barrel as it is less fiddly although you will also need a CO₂ pressure cylinder £20 (refill£10) or soda stream cylinder to use with the barrel.
5. A 2-3m (6½-10ft) length of clear plastic tube is used to siphon the beer into bottles once it has fully fermented. Cost ranges from £2- £5
6. Sterilising powder. Cost circa £5
7. Hydrometer – useful for measuring alcohol content but not essential. (I don't have one).
8. Heating belt for fermenter- useful but not essential
9. Measuring jug and funnel Cost circa £7.
10. Bottle capper and caps – a simple lever for crimping bottle tops on to your beer bottles. Costs circa £5-£30 depending on what you buy.



This will put the total equipment start-up costs at either £44 to £100+ (if you go down the barrel route) and from £12 to £100+ (if you go down the bottle route). You can however get a barrel or bottle start-up kit including a beer kit for £60-£70

You can buy all these items from homebrew outlets, health food shops or on line. **They make perfect Christmas presents!**

In January I will share with you my **Easy Way To Make Beer...** so those Christmas presents won't be wasted!

Merry Christmas! *Mark Tavernor*



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Thorpe Morieux and District Gardening Club.

It is that time of year again when an Annual General Meeting of the club must be democratically conducted. This year it was held in Thorpe Morieux Village Hall on the 16th of October 2017 and was quite well attended by the membership. The chairman, Linda Shotbolt, thanked the members for turning out and gave her annual report on the activities of the club throughout the past year. Most speakers had used a projector to display some excellent garden related photographs and some were more practical in their presentations. Memorably Deb Hart came and demonstrated the making of some common objects from Willow Weaving. During her talk Deb constructed for the club a garden Obelisk which was raffled off to generate club funds. On the matter of funds, the annual plant sale had again been profitable but it was generally felt that changes in village life and the decline in "front gardens" caused some to question whether the costs involved in terms of work and the cost of composts, pots and seeds was justifiable. Linda expressed the feeling that the committee would discuss this as soon as possible in the new club year.



In the election of officers, the officials of the club were all re-elected. This year, however, a club member had at last volunteered to act as club secretary and was soon elected to fulfil that post. Linda thanked Jane Cattermole wishing her well for taking on the club's secretarial tasks and looked forward to a reduced work load and better job sharing for the other officers in the coming year.

During Any Other Business some of the newer members expressed yet again concern over the club competitions. It was felt that more entries would be forthcoming if members better understood the requirements of each competition. This question had been raised previously and the chairman agreed that more would be done to resolve this problem of the current monthly events as soon as the new committee reconvened.

To conclude the meeting all present gathered around a table of very good food brought in by the members. This of course gave everyone a good chance to have a chat about their gardens and perhaps renew some old friendships. Committee member Marianne Simpson presented a small collection of plants to Linda as an expression of thanks from the members for her hard work on the Clubs behalf.

The photos show the presentation to the Chairman and a photo of Carol Bailey, unofficial head gardener, with a selection of the club trophies that she had won throughout the year.

Sid Broughton.



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Make a Christmas wreath for birds

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You will need:

- Pines cones
- Long twigs
- Garden wire
- Soft lard
- Mixing bowl
- Holly and other leaves
- Bird seed, breadcrumbs and grated cheese
- Dried fruits or unsalted nuts

1 Twist together bundles of long twigs and fasten with wire into a ring.

2 Squish lard into a soft paste in a bowl. Mix in bird seed, breadcrumbs or grated cheese.



3 Smear over pine cones and decorate with dried fruits and nuts.

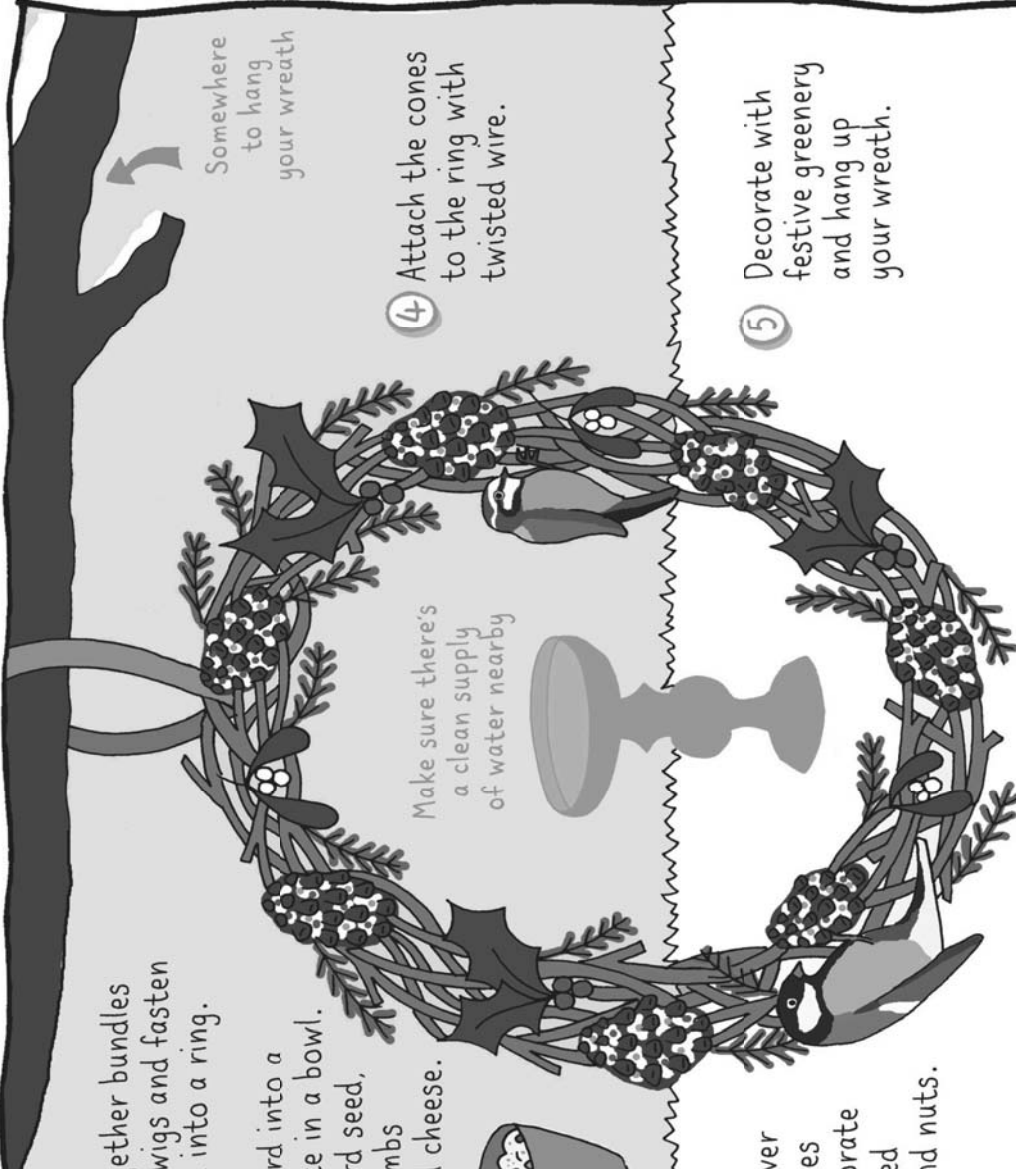
Make sure there's a clean supply of water nearby



4 Attach the cones to the ring with twisted wire.

5 Decorate with festive greenery and hang up your wreath.

Somewhere to hang your wreath



Just for Kids

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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

By Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;



The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.



Cinnamon Bread Stars

The smell of these baking will definitely bring Christmas to mind!

Ingredients:

Makes 32

250g self-raising flour
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
(plus extra for dusting)
1 tablespoon ground ginger
75g unsalted butter
1 large egg
2 tablespoons of golden syrup
Icing sugar to dust



Method:

Preheat the oven to 160C/gas mark 3.

Mix together the flour, sugar and spices in a bowl. Rub the butter into the mixture with the ends of your fingers until it resembles breadcrumbs.

Beat the egg and syrup together in a jug.

Make a well in the middle of the flour mix and add the egg mix. Mix together with a knife and then your hands until you get a ball of soft dough.

Wrap in cling film and pop in the fridge for at least 1 hour.

Roll out until about 1/2cm thick. Cut out about 32 biscuits with a star cutter. Place on a lined baking sheet and bake for 12-15 minutes, until golden brown.

Cool on a rack. Dust with icing sugar and ground cinnamon.

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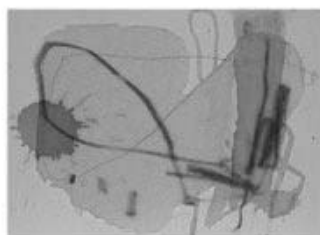
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